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CHAPTER 224.

AN ACT to provide for use of water in public highways.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

Streams in public highways to belong to the public.

SECTION 1. The general public shall have the right to use and take water from any spring, creek or running water of whatever nature, that may be found running in or across the limits of any public highway in the state; providing, however, that this act shall in nowise interfere with the tunneling or piping of water for the purpose of draining or improving any lands upon either side of such highways.

Persons interfering guilty of a misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. Any person owning land bordering any such highway, who shall in any manner interfere with the free use of the same by the public, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and in addition thereto shall be liable to any person damaged thereby to the amount of such damage.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 14, 1897.